policy of registration of SSI units in all the States/UTs for the first time in 1975. Government makes constant efforts to render the registration procedure for the SSI units simpler and speedier. Besides, the Small Industry Service institutes (SI3I) and branch SISIs located in States/UTs creates awareness among SSI units regarding registration through various training and entrepreneurship development programme.

Revival of sick units

†264. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of six thousand crore rupees of banks is involved in sick units in small scale sector in this country;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether there is any scheme to revive these units by way of fresh capital investment in them; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) As per the latest data compiled by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from the scheduled commercial banks, an amount of Rs. 5,284.54 crore was oustanding against the sick small scale industries (SSI) units as the end of March, 2004.

(c) and (d) Financial assistance for rehabilitation of sick SSI units is provided by the primary lending institutions (PLIs), including commercial banks. In January 2002, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) circulated detailed guidelines on rehabilitation of sick SSI units to all scheduled commercial banks for implementation. These guidelines include, *inter alia,* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding their viability, concessional finance, etc., with a view to helping the banks in detecting sickness at an early stage and taking corrective action for revival of the potentially viable

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

sick SSI units. In line with the 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' announced by the Government in August 2005, the RBI has issued detailed guidelines in September 2005 to the banks relating to debt restructuring mechanism for SMEs to ensure restructuring of debt of all eligible SMEs. Further, the Small Industries Development Bank of India has an exclusive Refinance Scheme for the PLIs in respect of financial assistance extended by them for rehabilitation of sick SSI units.

Implementation of Central sector projects

265. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 156 of the Central sector projects are running behind schedule, thereby pushing up the cost of these projects by about Rs. 6000 crores;

(b) if so, the details of these projects and the reasons for their delayed execution, the likely cost and time over-run in each case and revised schedules drawn up for their execution; and

(c) the fresh steps taken to fine-tune the monitoring mechanism for speedy implementation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Out of 764 projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above on the monitor of this Ministry as on 31-3-2005, 260 projects were delayed resulting in **a** cost overrun of Rs. 25,085 crore while date of commissioning is not available in respect of 156 projects.

(b) Sector-wise status of Projects delayed is enclosed in the Statement. *(See* below) Main reasons for the delay in execution of projects are:

(i) financial constraints,

(ii) delay in land acquisition and rehabilitation,

(iii) delay in award of contracts,